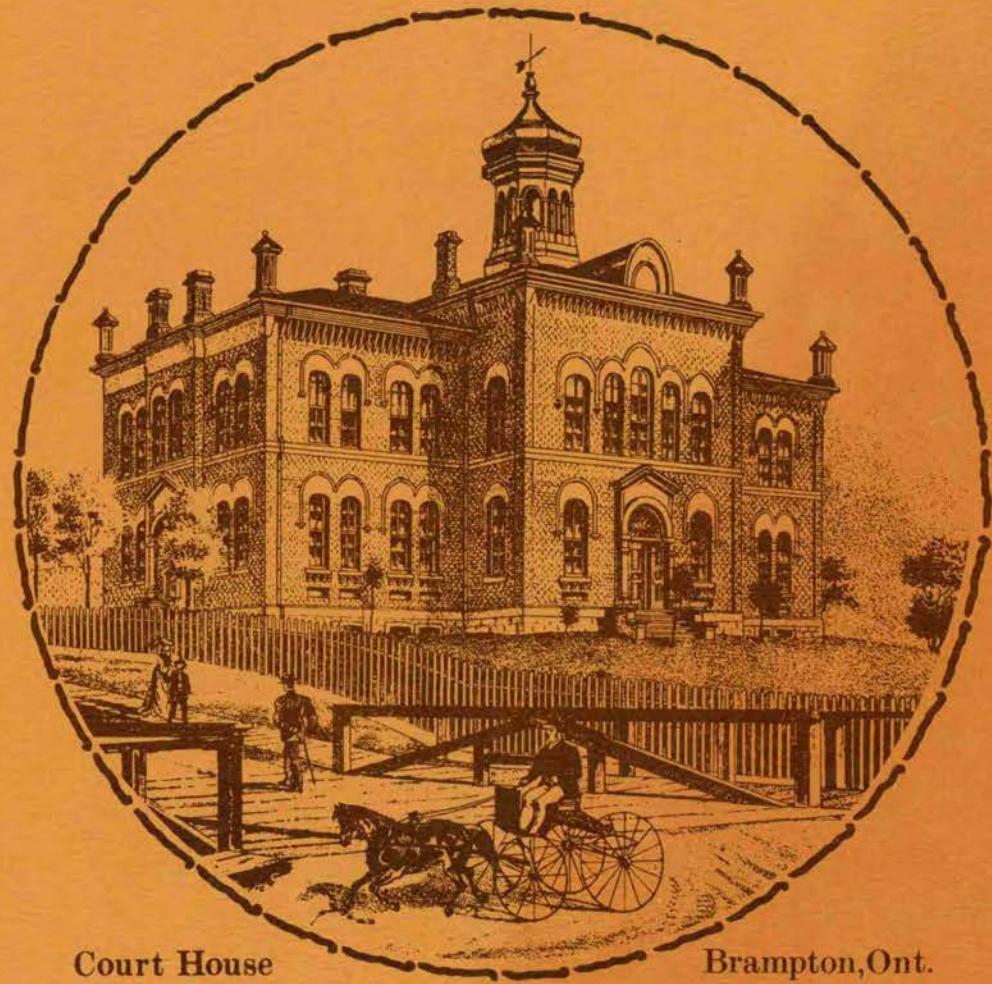


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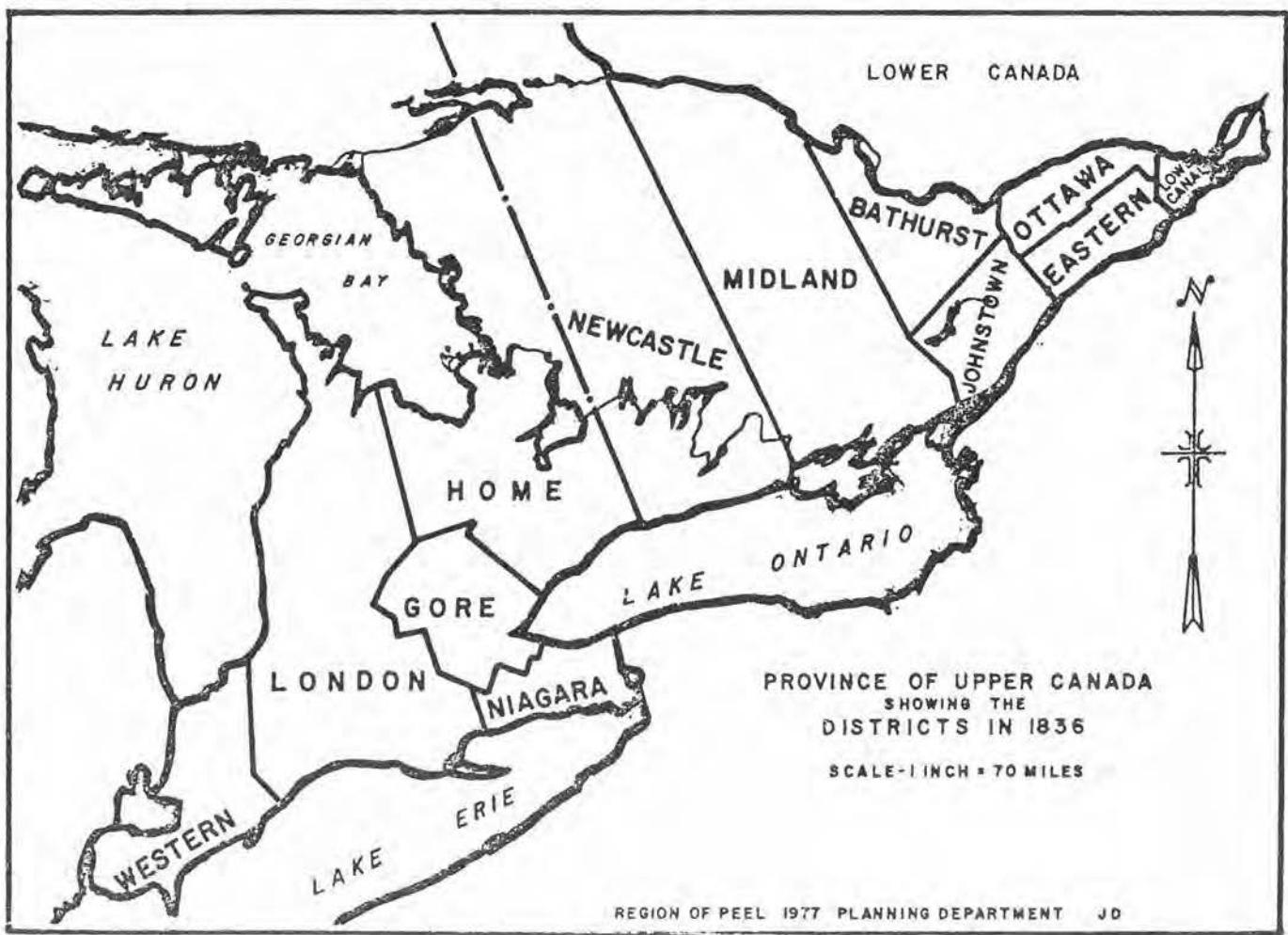
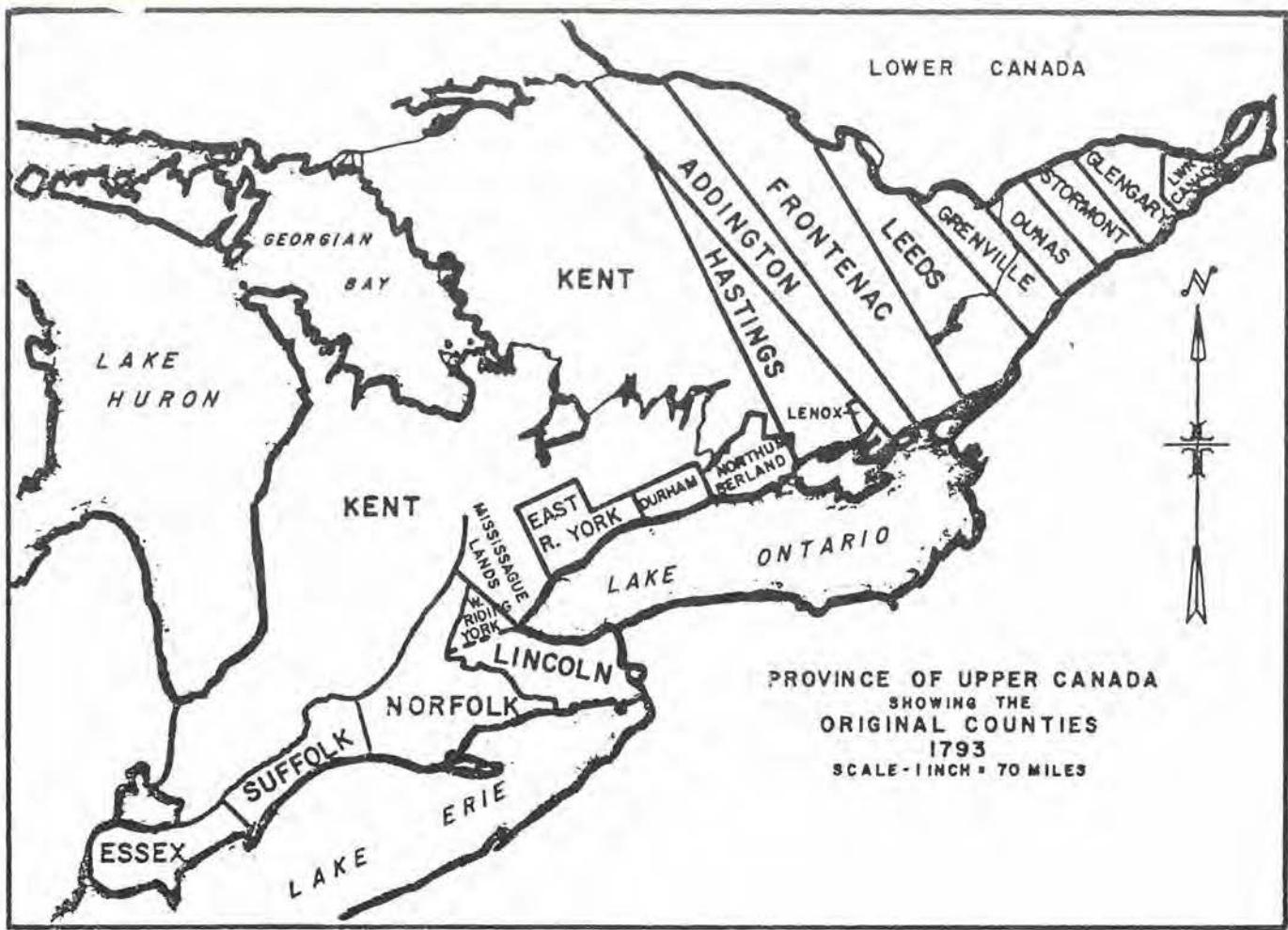
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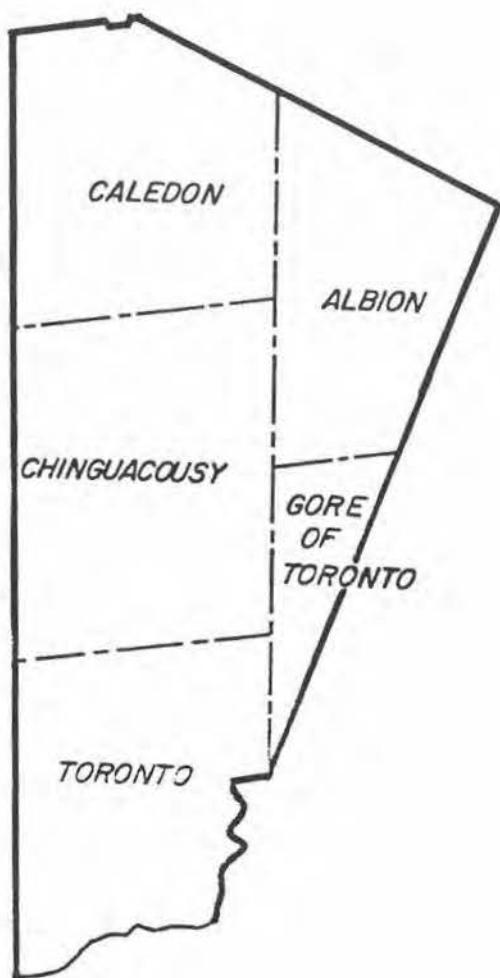
On January 22, 1867, the first meeting of Peel County Council was held in the new Court House in Brampton. Prior to this meeting, Peel County had been a part of the United Counties of York and Peel. (see map 1) The decision to separate the two counties had first been agreed to in 1856 but circumstances and opposition within Peel had led to ten years of delay and debate. The crux of the matter was the location of the County seat.

In the nineteenth century, the location of a county seat meant that its growth and economic success was assured. The residents of Peel had an example close at hand. John Graves Simcoe's decision to transfer Upper Canada's capital from Niagara-on-the-Lake to York (Toronto) in 1794 had turned this "muddy village" into a booming metropolis by the 1860's. Many of the villages within Peel saw a chance to emulate Toronto's success and were prepared to put their own interests ahead of the county's in their efforts to gain title of County Capital.

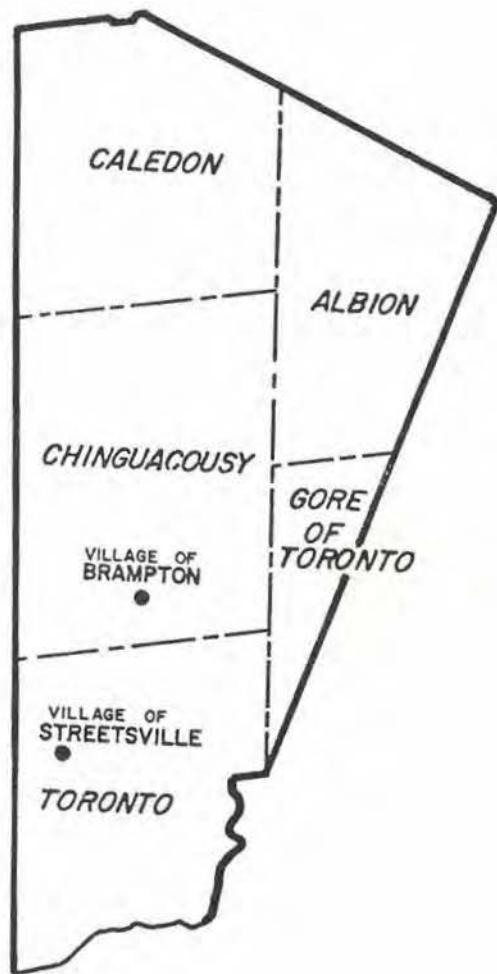
The 1850's had been a decade of economic growth. The repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 and the passage of the Reciprocity Treaty in 1854 with the United States opened Peel's grain to the south. Peel County and Chinguacousy Township in particular were the bread basket of the Upper Canada. While some communities and individuals had benefited from this trade, others lost out and were jealous. This too, was an underlying root of discontent that led to such a prolonged debate over the location of Peel's County Seat.

In 1855, the United Counties petitioned the Lieutenant-Governor of the Canada's to pass "an act to provide for the separation of the County of Peel from the County of York. The Legislative Assembly accepted the petition and Royal Assent was given on June 19, 1856. (document 1). Within the body of the Act, the seeds of discontent were sown. The story of this interesting debate and its final resolution is traced in the following documents.





COUNTY OF PEEL
(showing townships) 1820



COUNTY OF PEEL
1867

An act was passed in 1856 as a response to the petition of the United Counties of York and Peel. This act allowed a vote to be taken by the residents of Peel to decide whether they wished to separate from York County. Within this Act were a number of key issues which would divide the residents of Peel for a decade.

An Act to provide for the separation of the County of Peel from the County of York

Whereas a very large number of inhabitants of the County of Peel, the junior County of the United Counties of York and Peel, have by their Petitions prayed that the said County of Peel may be set apart as a separate County for judicial and other purposes without unnecessary delay, and the wealth and population thereof being sufficient to warrant the same, it is expedient to make provision to enable the said County to separate from the said County of York as soon as the necessary provisions for that purpose shall have been made: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advise and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves of the several Townships, Villages and Towns in the County of Peel, as the same is described and limited in and by the Act passed in the session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada, shall form a Provisional Municipal Council for the said County, and shall with respect to the said County, have, possess and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred, granted or imposed by the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, An Act for abolishing the Territorial Divisions of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary Unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolutions of such Unions, as the increase of wealth and population may require, upon Provisional Municipal Councils erected by Proclamation under the authority of the said Act, and also all the powers which may be conferred on Provisional Municipal Councils generally by any other Act or Law in force in Upper Canada; subject to the provisions in the following sections contained.

II. It shall be the duty of the Warden of the United Counties of York and Peel, to call a meeting of the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of Peel, at such place and hour as he shall appoint, on some day in the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six: A notice of such meeting shall be inserted in at least one of the Newspapers published within the said County of Peel, and a copy of such notices sent by mail or otherwise to each member of such Council at least eight days before the day appointed for such meeting, by the Warden of the said United Counties of York and Peel: And the said Provisional Council at the first meeting thereof to be held under this Act, shall first proceed to elect a Provisional Warden, after which, at the same meeting, or some adjournment thereof, they shall proceed to pass a By-law for the purpose of taking a vote of the qualified Municipal Electors of the said County, on the question of separation, by a vote to be specially taken for that purpose, each qualified Elector having one vote and voting "Yea" or "Nay" after at least ten days' notice shall have been given in the manner to be provided by such By-law, of the time and place where the votes will be taken in the Wards of the several Municipalities forming the said County.

III. The Provisional Council shall meet, on the requisition of the Provisional Warden, on some day after the day or days appointed for taking such vote, and proceed in open Council to ascertain the number of votes recorded "Yea" and "Nay"; and if the result shall show that a majority of the votes recorded are "Nay," then after making a record of the same in the minutes of the said Provisional Council, the said Council shall be dissolved.

IV. If a majority of the votes recorded as aforesaid be "Yea," then the said Provisional Council shall, at some meeting to be held after the first day of February next, proceed to select a place for the County Town of the said County, and the place so selected shall be the County Town of Peel; and the said Provisional Council shall have and exercise the powers conferred on Provisional Municipal Councils by law, and shall and may purchase the necessary property at the place selected by the said Council assembled as aforesaid, and proceed to erect the necessary public buildings on such property; and all the provisions of the Act last above cited shall apply to the said Provisional Municipal Council, and to the said County of Peel.

V. The said Provisional Council shall have power and authority to appoint, by By-law or otherwise, such and so may officers and persons as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act; and the Provisional Warden or any Member of the Council shall administer to each person so appointed, the oath of office prescribed by law to be taken by any officer appointed under this Act, before he or they shall commence the discharge of the duties imposed on him or them; and each person so appointed and sworn shall be subject to all the responsibilities imposed on Municipal Officers by law.

VI. Any person or persons who shall wilfully interrupt or interfere with any of the proceedings authorized by this Act, shall be dealt with and punished as provided by the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, with respect to persons interfering with the proceedings under the said last mentioned Acts.

VII. So soon as the Court House and Gaol of the said County shall be erected and completed at such County Town, according to the provisions of the fifteenth section of the said lastly in part recited Act, and the other provisions of the said fifteenth section shall have been complied with by the said County, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province to appoint the necessary officers as provided by the seventeenth section of the said in part recited Act, and by order in Council to issue a Proclamation dissolving the Union between the said County of Peel and the said County of York, from the date to be mentioned in such Proclamation; and all the provisions of the said lastly in part recited act, or of any other Act or Law of Upper Canada applicable to Counties on and after their being separated from other Counties, shall apply to the said Counties of York and Peel respectively.

VIII. The said Warden of the United Counties of York and Peel shall by a warrant under his hand and seal, appoint some one of the Town Reeves or Deputy Town Reeves of the said County of Peel, to preside at the first meeting of the Provisional Municipal Council thereof, until a Provisional Warden shall be elected by such Provisional Municipal Council.

IX. This Act shall be deemed and taken to be Public Act.

The main order of business at the first Provisional Council meeting was the passage of a by-law to allow them a vote on whether the residents wanted to separate from York County. The result was surprising - the majority was only 51 votes. A study of the results point to a definite pattern throughout Peel County.

FIRST MEETING

Brampton, October 7th, 1856.

At a meeting of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of Peel, held by proclamation of the Warden of the United Counties of York and Peel, at the Town Hall, in the village of Brampton, on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 1856, the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the several townships and incorporated villages in the county of Peel took their seats, that is to say:

<i>For the township of Albion</i>	<i>Thomas Swinarton</i>	<i>Reeve</i>
<i>For the township of Albion</i>	<i>William Hanna</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
<i>For the township of Chinguacousy .</i>	<i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Reeve</i>
<i>For the township of Chinguacousy .</i>	<i>Andrew Starrat</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
<i>For the township of Caledon</i>	<i>John Richardson</i>	<i>Reeve</i>
<i>For the township of Caledon</i>	<i>Isaiah Falconer</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
<i>For the Gore of Toronto</i>	<i>Thomas Clarke</i>	<i>Reeve</i>
<i>For the township of Toronto</i>	<i>Joseph Wright</i>	<i>Reeve</i>
<i>For the township of Toronto</i>	<i>Samuel Price</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
<i>For the village of Brampton</i>	<i>George Wright</i>	<i>Reeve</i>

*JOSEPH WRIGHT, Esq.,
Chairman*

Moved by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Price, that Joseph Wright, Esq., be Provisional Municipal Warden for the county of Peel. Carried.

Joseph Wright, Esq., (after having taken the oath of office before Francis Campbell, Esq.,) took the Chair and addressed the Council.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. George Wright, that Robert E. McCollum be appointed Clerk to the Provisional Council. Carried.

Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Hanna, moved for leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of taking a vote of the qualified municipal electors of the county of Peel, on the question of separation of the said county from the county of York. Leave granted.

A by-law was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Hanna, that the bill be not read a second time to-morrow, but that it be read a second time forthwith, and that the Council do resolve itself into a committee of the whole thereon. Carried.

The Council then went into committee of the whole on the bill, Mr. Starrat in the chair.

The committee rose and reported the bill as amended with the blanks filled up, which report was received and adopted.

The by-law was read a second and third time, passed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hanna, that the clerk be instructed to get printed 165 copies of the by-law just past, and that he, by mail or otherwise, send six copies to each Returning Officer named in said by-law, five of which to be posted up by the Returning Officer as notice of said polling. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

*JOSEPH WRIGHT,
Provisional Warden.*

SECOND MEETING

Brampton, Monday, November 3rd, 1856.

The Provisional Council of the county of Peel met, on the requisition of Joseph Wright, Esq., the Provisional Warden.

The Provisional Warden in the Chair. Names called over, all the members present.

Minutes of the last meeting read.

Upon motion of Mr. Starrat, the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock this evening.

The Council (resumed pursuant to adjournment) in accordance with the 3rd sec., of 19 Vic., chap. 66, proceeded in open Council to ascertain the number of votes recorded "Yea" and "Nay" on the question of separation of the county of Peel from the county of York.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. George Wright, that Messrs. Starrat and Hanna be appointed to assist the clerk in counting the number of votes recorded on each poll book, and make known to this council the total number who have voted "Yea" and "Nay" on the question of separation of the county of Peel from the county of York. Carried.

The several poll books having been examined, and the votes recorded therein counted, the votes were found to number as follows:

"Yeas," One thousand three hundred and nine.

"Nays," One thousand two hundred and fifty-eight.

Majority of "Yeas" being fifty-one.

It was ordered that the same be recorded in the minutes of the Provisional Council of the county of Peel.

The Provisional Council then adjourned.

Abstract of the votes polled on the question of the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York, on the 27th and 28th days of October, 1856.

	Yea	Nay	Total	Total
	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
Albion Township, 1st Ward	2	96	..	..
Albion Township, 2nd Ward .....	..	87	..	..
Albion Township, 3rd Ward	1	134	..	..
Albion Township, 4th Ward .....	..	80	..	..
Albion Township, 5th Ward .....	..	95	3	492
Brampton Village	265	..	265	..
Caledon Township, 1st Ward	73	..	..	..
Caledon Township, 2nd Ward	57	18	..	..
Caledon Township, 3rd Ward	14	45	..	..
Caledon Township, 4th Ward	152	..	..	..
Caledon Township, 5th Ward	73	2	369	65
Chinguacousy Township, 1st Ward	113	2	..	..
Chinguacousy Township, 2nd Ward	114	23	..	..
Chinguacousy Township, 3rd Ward	70	40	..	..
Chinguacousy Township, 4th Ward	130	2	..	..
Chinguacousy Township, 5th Ward	132	1	559	68
Toronto Gore, 1st Ward	5	22	..	..
Toronto Gore, 2nd Ward	1	28	..	..
Toronto Gore, 3rd Ward .....	..	14	..	..
Toronto Gore, 4th Ward	3	40	..	..
Toronto Gore, 5th Ward .....	..	49	9	153
Toronto Township, 1st Ward	6	125	..	..
Toronto Township, 2nd Ward	5	76	..	..
Toronto Township, 3rd Ward	2	195	..	..
Toronto Township, 4th Ward	50	42	..	..
Toronto Township, 5th Ward	41	42	104	480
			1309	1258
			1258	
Majority of Yea				51

Brampton, 3rd November, 1856.)
R.C. McCOLLUM, P.C.C.)

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The Provisional Council meeting on January 25th., 1859 was typical of meetings that proceeded it and were to follow it. The issue which continued to block the efforts to establish Peel as a separate County, was the choice of a County Capital. Many Council members felt that the location of a temporary meeting place would add to strength a particular community's bid.

For the Township of Albion,J. Evans, Reeve
Thomas Mills, Deputy Reeve

For the Township of Chinguacousy,Michael Perdu, Reeve
Andrew Starrat, Deputy Reeve

For the Township of Caledon,William Walker, Reeve
Isaiah Faulkner, Deputy Reeve

For the Township of Gore of Toronto,R. Hart, Reeve

For the Township of TorontoJohn C. Hyde, Reeve
Samuel Price, Deputy Reeve

Incorporated Village of Streetsville,.....John Street, Reeve

Incorporated Village of Brampton,A. T. Scott, Reeve
W. Lindsay, Deputy Reeve

SEVENTH MEETING

Village Hall, Brampton, January 25th, 1859.

Provisional Council County of Peel. - First meeting, Tuesday, 25th January, 1859.

The following named Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the several townships and incorporated villages, having deposited with the Clerk the required certificates, took their seats, namely: for Albion, John Evans, Reeve, Thomas Mills, Deputy Reeve. For Brampton, A. F. Scott, Reeve, William Lindsey, Deputy Reeve. For Caledon, Wm. W. Walker, Reeve, Isaiah Faulkner, Deputy Reeve. For Chinguacousy, M. Perdue, Reeve, Andrew Starrat, Deputy Reeve. For Streetsville, John Street, Reeve. For Toronto Township, J. C. Hyde, Reeve, Samuel Price, Deputy Reeve. For Toronto Gore, Robert Hart, Reeve.

The Provisional Council of the County of Peel then adjourned, to meet in the Council Chamber of York and Peel, at 7 p.m.

Met, in accordance with the 131st section of the Municipal Corporations Act, at the County Hall, of the United Counties of York and Peel, on the 25th of January, 1859.

The Clerk took the Chair and called the members to order, when it was moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hyde, that Samuel Price, Esq., be Provisional Warden for the current year. Carried.

The Provisional Warden made and subscribed the declaration of office as prescribed by law before Joseph Hartman, Esq., Warden of the United Counties of York and Peel, and after addressing the Council took his seat as Provisional Warden of the County of Peel.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the only places to be voted upon as fit and proper places for the county town of Peel shall be Malton, Streetsville, Brampton, and Port Credit.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Street in amendment, that the only places to be voted on for the county town shall be Brampton, Streetsville, and Malton. The amendment being put was negatived.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

The original motion was then put and negatived.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Street, that a committee of three members be appointed by ballot for the purpose of altering or amending a copy of the standing rules and regulations of the united counties of York and Peel, and report the same at the next meeting of this Council to be adopted as the standing rules and regulations for the Provisional Council of the county of Peel.

The motion was negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nay. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by Mr. Hart, that when this Council adjourns this day, it shall stand adjourned until the first day (if not a Sunday, and in that case on the Monday following) after the adjournment of the Council of the United Counties of York and Peel at its present session, this Council to meet at the council room of the United Counties of York and Peel, at 10 o'clock, a.m. The motion was negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nay. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Starrat, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the second Tuesday in February, and then to meet at the Town Hall, in Brampton. The motion was negatived on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, and Walker, 6.

Nay. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Street, that when this Council does adjourn this day it stands adjourned until the first Monday in April, then to meet at Bell's hotel, Grahamville, at 12 o'clock, noon. Negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nay. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Mills, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the last Saturday in February, and then to meet at George Evan's, at the village of Bolton. Negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nay. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Starrat, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the second Tuesday in February, and then to meet at the Town Hall, in Chinguacousy, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by Mr. Evans, in amendment, that when this Council adjourns, it stands adjourned until the third Tuesday in March, then to meet at the Town Hall, Chinguacousy, at 10 o'clock a.m. Amendment negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Original motion negatived on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that whereas the Provisional Council of the county of Peel have not been able to decide upon the site for the county town of the said county, and are still equally divided upon the question, and it is desirable that the same be settled in some other manner. Be it therefore resolved, that a petition be presented to the three branches of the Legislature at the coming session for the passing of an act giving power to this Council to submit the selection of the county town to the qualified municipal electors of the county. And that the Warden and Messrs. Hyde, Evans, Walker, Starrat, and the mover be a committee to prepare and take charge of such petition.

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by Mr. Hart, in amendment, that as the act providing for the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York contains ample provisions for attaining such separation, it is not desirable to ask the legislature for another act. The amendment was negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

The original motion was negatived on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the third Monday in February, and then to meet at Edmonton, at the Town Hall, at 10 o'clock, a.m. Lost on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Starrat, Walker, 5.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Scott, Street, 6.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned to meet at Harris' hotel, Cooksville, on Tuesday, the 8th of February next, at noon.

Moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Hart, in amendment, that the day named in the resolution be struck out, and the third Monday in March inserted. The amendment was negative on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

The original motion was negative on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Walker, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the second Tuesday in February, and then to meet at the Town Hall, Streetsville, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by Mr. Hyde, that the resolution be amended by striking out the "second Tuesday in February," and inserting the fourth Monday in March. The amendment was negative on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

The original motion was negative on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Scott, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the second Tuesday in February, then to meet at Bolton village, at noon. Negated on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that Port Credit be the county town of Peel. Lost on division.

Yea. - Starrat, Faulkner, 2.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Street and Walker, 9.

Moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Street, that the Council do now adjourn. Negatived on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that Malton be the county town of Peel. Lost on division.

Yea. - Evans, Mill, Starrat, and the Warden, 4.

Nays. - Faulkner, Hart, Hyde, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Street, and Walker, 8.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that Cooksville be the county town of Peel. Lost on division.

Yea. - Mr. Starrat and the Warden, 2.

Nays. - Evans, Faulkner, Hart, Hyde, Lindsey, Mills, Perdue, Scott, Street, and Walker, 10.

Moved by Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Walker, that Brampton be the county town of Peel. Negatived on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Street, and the Warden, 6.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the Council do now adjourn. Lost on division.

Yea. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, and Street, 5.

Nays. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Scott, Starrat, Walker, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that when this council adjourns it stands adjourned until the first Monday in March, and then to meet at Edmonton, at noon. Lost on division.

Yea. - Faulkner, Lindsey, Perdue, Starrat, and Walker, 5.

Nays. - Evans, Hart, Hyde, Mills, Scott, and Street, 6.

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, that the clerk do read the standing rules of the United Counties Council of York and Peel. Carried.

The standing rules were then read by the clerk.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that the standing rules and regulations of the United Counties Council of York and Peel be adopted as the standing rules and regulations of the Provisional Council of the county of Peel. *Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Starrat, seconded by Mr. Scott, that when this Council adjourns it stands adjourned until the second Tuesday in March, and then to meet at the Town Hall, in Edmonton, at ten o'clock, a.m. *Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the Council do now adjourn. *Carried.*

The Council then adjourned.

*SAMUEL PRICE,
Provisional Warden.*

Preamble:

The competition between communities with Peel County vying for the privilege of becoming the County Seat was intense from the outset. The Streetsville Review in this editorial proclaimed that its community was the obvious, and only choice for this honour. In addition, the editorial pointed to irregularities at the meetings of the United Counties Council which deprived Streetsville of its rightful place as the County Seat.

Streetsville Weekly Review, Saturday, April 23, 1859

Article Title: County Seat of Peel

The rivalry that exists amongst the small villages of this county for being the "capital," is as intense as it is between the large cities that are struggling so long and ardently for the permanent seat of government of the United Provinces. Bolton Village, Port Credit, Malton, Brampton and Streetsville are the candidates; but as the basis of the pretensions of either must depend on the local capabilities and population, these essential elements at once narrow the issue between the two last places.

A few years ago, an Act was passed casting the onus on the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of deciding this knotty point; but it has so happened although there has been meeting after meeting for the determination of this vexed question, these twelve personages, to use parliamentary phraseology "paired off," six going to the right, and six to the left leaving the desideratum still longer status quo. By a strategum Brampton succeeded in effecting this neutralization! although, leaving her in a very unhandsome position she hoped to be able by other extraneous appliances yet to obtain the object of her ambition.

In order to give either of these places the status of a "town" it must be shown it has a certain number of qualified ratepayers. The Town Clerk of Brampton returns the required number, accordingly it was entitled to elect, and did elect a Deputy Reeve, and this Deputy Reeve (?) recording his vote at the meetings of the Provisional Council, turned the scale against Streetsville! However, on a scrutiny it was found that the "list" exceptionable. Consequently the Deputy Reeve was not duly elected, and Brampton has been compelled to renounce her unwarrantable assumption to be a town and to content herself with still being a village.

A bill is now before Parliament, introduced, we believe by Mr. Howland, which, if it becomes law, will, it is thought, from its ambiguous language, ignore the power of those who were unable able to solve the simple problem, and transfer it directly into the hands of ratepayers of the county. It is entitled "A Bill to Separate Counties of York and Peel, and Other Purposes" - these two words mean that the people at large shall be the future arbitrators of the affair: in that case Streetsville must be the locale - from its superior position, its great water power, which cannot be equalled in other part of the country: its grist mills which are in constant operation: its woolen factory which is the most extensive in the Province, affording daily employment to hundreds not overlooking the fact that its being the oldest village in the county, all these, in the aggregate, gives Streetsville an unquestionable right to be the County Town.

With some members absent, the Provisional Council, selected Brampton, Chinguacousy Township as the County Seat. A public vote which was held on the 22nd and 23rd of October, 1860 to allow taxation to pay for County buildings was defeated. Not because the buildings were not acceptable, but because the choice of a County Seat was unacceptable.

Abstract of votes polled on a by-law of the Provisional Council to raise a sum of money (\$23,621) for the erection of county buildings, on the 22nd and 23rd of October, 1860.

	Yea	Nay	Total Yea	Total Nays	Majority Yea	Majority Nays	Total No. of Votes Polled
Albion, Ward 1 .....	...	116					
Albion, Ward 2	1	137					
Albion, Ward 3	2	205					
Albion, Ward 4 .....	...	142					
Albion, Ward 5 .....	...	115	3	715	...	712	718
Caledon, Ward 1	126	1					
Caledon, Ward 2	53	58					
Caledon, Ward 3	27	69					
Caledon, Ward 4	164	...					
Caledon, Ward 5	92	7	462	135	327	..	597
Chinguacousy, Ward 1 ..	157	...					
Chinguacousy, Ward 2 ..	175	43					
Chinguacousy, Ward 3 ..	92	82					
Chinguacousy, Ward 4 ..	177	3					
Chinguacousy, Ward 5 ..	187	..	788	128	660	..	916
Toronto, Ward 1	16	171					
Toronto, Ward 2	6	214					
Toronto, Ward 3	15	115					
Toronto, Ward 4	53	117					
Toronto, Ward 5	35	161	125	778	..	653	903
Gore of Toronto, Ward 1	1	46					
Gore of Toronto, Ward 2	...	42					
Gore of Toronto, Ward 3	...	36					
Gore of Toronto, Ward 4	...	72					
Gore of Toronto, Ward 5	...	53	1	249	..	248	250
Village of Brampton ...	346	...	346	..	346	...	346
Village of Streetsville	1	107	1	107		106	108
			1726	2112			
				1726			

Majority against the by-law..... 386

In March, 1862 the Provisional Council tried again to gain approval from the ratepayers to borrow funds to erect County buildings in Brampton. The ratepayers were given the choice to either vote for the appropriation or to vote against it and thus, vote in favour of remaining with York County. The results were in favour of remaining united with York County.

A BY-LAW

To provide for taking a vote of the municipal electors of the county of Peel, on the questions of granting twenty-five thousand dollars for the erection of county buildings in the village of Brampton, or authorising the Provisional Council of said county to request the legislature to repeal all special acts relating to the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York, and all proceedings done thereunder.

Whereas a special act was passed in the year 1856, providing for the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York, and selection of the county town by a majority of the reeves and deputy reeves.

And whereas a by-law was submitted to the municipal electors in October, 1856, whereby a small majority was obtained in favour of separation.

And whereas, the reeves and deputy reeves did, in the year 1859, select the village of Malton as the county town of Peel.

And whereas an act was passed in the year 1860, repealing all acts and proceedings relating to the selection of Malton as the county town, and providing for taking a vote of the electors, making it imperative on them to select one of three places as county town, viz: Brampton, Malton, Streetsville; and also providing for taking a vote of the electors, for granting a sum of money for acquiring land and erecting thereon the county buildings.

And whereas a by-law was submitted to the electors to select one of the three places named as the county town, which resulted in Brampton being selected.

And whereas a by-law was submitted to the electors on the 1st of November, 1860, asking a sum of money to erect the county buildings, which by-law was defeated.

And whereas a great diversity of opinions exist in the county of Peel, whether a majority of the electors are favourable to granting a sum of money for the erection of county buildings in Brampton, or the repealing of all special acts relating to the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York, and all proceedings done thereunder, in order that this county may be placed in the same position that it occupied previous to the passing of the said special acts of separation from the county of York.

Therefore the Provisional Corporation enacts as follows: -

1. A vote of the municipal electors of the county of Peel shall be taken on the following questions: - "Shall the sum of \$25,000 be granted for acquiring land and erecting county buildings thereon, in the village of Brampton;" or shall the Provisional Council request the legislature to repeal all special acts relating to the separation of the county of Peel from the county of York, and all proceedings done thereunder, and thereby restore this county to the same position it occupied prior to the passing of the special act in 1856.

2. That if, at the closing of the poll, a majority of the votes are recorded in favour of the granting the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, it shall be lawful for the Provisional Warden to cause debentures to be issued for such sums of money as may be required, and not to exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; said debentures to be made payable in five years from the issuing thereof, at the treasurer's office in the county of Peel. And in order to provide for the payment of the said debentures a special rate, in addition to all other rates be levied in each year on all rateable property in the said county, for paying the interest and creating a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the said debt.

3. Be it enacted, that the said election be held on the 14th day of April, 1862, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the several wards and incorporated villages in the said county of Peel, at the several places, and by the respective returning officers hereinafter named. That is to say:

TOWNSHIP OF ALBION.

Ward number one, at Court House, Sandhill; William Dixon, returning officer.

Ward number two, at Cranston's Court House; James Follis, returning officer.

Ward number three, at Town Hall, village of Bolton; James Roberts, returning officer.

Ward number four, at Squires' work-shop, Centreville; Robert Goldsmith, returning officer.

Ward number five, at Columbia School-house; James Robbs, returning officer.

TOWNSHIP OF CHINGUACOUSY.

Ward number one, at Town Hall, Edmonton; G. Vanwick, returning officer.
Ward number two, at Lundy's Corners; Robert Gardner, returning officer.
Ward number three, at Campbell's cross; Thomas Robinson, returning officer.
Ward number four, at Mount Pleasant; Thomas Sharp, returning officer.
Ward number five, at Cheltenham; Thomas Taylor, returning officer.

TOWNSHIP OF CALEDON.

Ward number one, at Belfountain; Thomas P. Merry, returning officer.
Ward number two, at Paisley; Thomas Hanton, returning officer.
Ward number three, at Shannon's School-house; Alexander Henry, returning officer.
Ward number four, at Charlestown; John Harris, returning officer.
Ward number five, at Alton village; Emery McLean, returning officer.

TOWNSHIP OF TORONTO.

Ward number one, at Springfield; Mr. King, returning officer.
Ward number two, at Cooksville School-house; John Hawkins, returning officer.
Ward number three, at Harris' corners; John Aikins, returning officer.
Ward number four, at Meadowvale; William Duggan, returning officer.
Ward number five, at Malton; Andrew Gage, returning officer.

TOWNSHIP OF TORONTO GORE.

Ward number one, at Burrel's Hollow; George Balfour, returning officer.
Ward number two, at Brougham's House, lot No. 5, 8th con.; Wm. Taylor, returning officer.
Ward number three, at School-house; John Admans, returning officer.
Ward number four, at School-house; Daniel Hugill, returning officer.
Ward number five, at Town Hall, Grahamville; Thomas Graham, returning officer.

VILLAGE OF BRAMPTON.

At the Town Hall; John Holmes, returning officer.

VILLAGE OF STREETSVILLE.

At the Town Hall; William Hope, returning officer.

4. *Each returning officer shall provide a poll book, and he or his sworn deputy shall enter in two separate columns the words "Supplies," and "Union." The word "Supplies" to mean the granting of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the word "Union" to mean the repealing of all special acts relating to separation.*

Each returning officer shall opposite to such columns write the names of the electors offering to vote, and shall in each column in which is entered the word "Supplies" or "Union," for which such elector shall have voted, set the figure "1" opposite the voter's name, and shall at the close of the poll add up the number of votes polled for each question.

Each returning officer shall give at least ten days' previous notice of the taking of the said vote, by posting a copy of this by-law in at least four public places in the ward or incorporated village.

Each returning officer shall, on the day after the closing of the poll, return his poll book verified, to the clerk of the local municipality in which the poll was taken, and the clerks of the local municipalities shall forthwith return to the clerk of the provisional council the poll books so delivered to them.

The clerk of each local municipality in the county of Peel shall prepare and deliver to each returning officer in such local municipality a list of the qualified municipal electors, accompanied by a declaration in the same manner as required for municipal elections.

All the provisions of the act respecting the municipal institutions of Upper Canada, so far as the same relates to the taking of a vote of the municipal electors on a by-law of a county council, shall as nearly as may be apply to the vote to be taken under this by-law.

*R. C. McCOLLUM,
Provisional Clerk.*

First Published Friday, 21st March, 1862.

Abstract of votes polled on a by-law of the Provisional Council of Peel on the questions of Supplies and Union, on the 14th and 15th days of April, 1862

	Supplies	Union	Total Supplies	Total Union	Total No. of Votes Polled
Albion, Ward 1	138				
Albion, Ward 2	142				
Albion, Ward 3	2	204			
Albion, Ward 4	1	151			
Albion, Ward 5	167		3	802	805
Caledon, Ward 1	122	1			
Caledon, Ward 2	86	44			
Caledon, Ward 3	41	66			
Caledon, Ward 4	159				
Caledon, Ward 5	123	6	531	117	648
Chinguacousy, Ward 1	165				
Chinguacousy, Ward 2	180	40			
Chinguacousy, Ward 3	99	75			
Chinguacousy, Ward 4	210	2			
Chinguacousy, Ward 5	202	1	856	118	974
Toronto, Ward 1	11	128			
Toronto, Ward 2	11	186			
Toronto, Ward 3	18	102			
Toronto, Ward 4	74	103			
Toronto, Ward 5	46	170	160	689	849
Gore of Toronto, Ward 1	1	45			
Gore of Toronto, Ward 2	1	43			
Gore of Toronto, Ward 3 .....	...	43			
Gore of Toronto, Ward 4 .....	...	61			
Gore of Toronto, Ward 5	1	52	3	244	247
Village of Brampton .....	...	...	355	...	355
Village of Streetsville .....	...	...	17	85	102
Total vote polled for supplies			1925		
Total vote polled for union				2055	
Total vote polled for on the two questions					3980
Difference					130

York County Council in an effort to break the impasse over the separation of Peel County and the choice of a seat of government, passed By-law Number 143. The By-law was framed to answer both problems. A voter was to decide either in favour of or against separation and secondly, was to write in his choice for the County Seat. If the majority of ratepayers voted in favour of separation, the community with the largest number of write in votes would become the County Seat.

No. 143
ByLaw

To provide for taking a Vote of the Electors of the County of Peel on the question of the Separation of the Counties of York and Peel

Whereas by an act of the Parliament (sic) of the Province of Canada passed in the twenty fifth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, number Twenty Seven and intituled (sic) "an act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to the Separation of the County of Peel from the County of York and for other purposes", it is amongst other things enacted that no separation of the said Counties of York and Peel shall take place until a ByLaw shall be passed by the Corporation of the said United Counties of York and Peel which shall be submitted to the Electors of the County of Peel on someday to be fixed in the said ByLaw and by which ByLaw the said Electors shall be required to vote upon the schedule hereinafter set forth, and that the voting shall take place and continue for the same time and under the same regulations as to place and all other circumstances, and the result shall be made known to the Corporation of the said United Counties, in the same way as if the vote had been taken on any ByLaw for money, required by law to be submitted by the said Corporation to the Ratepayers of the said County, and that such ByLaw shall be introduced by the Corporation of the said United Counties when it shall have been petitioned for by a Majority of the Municipal Corporations of the said County of Peel

And Whereas the several Municipal Corporations of the Townships of Caledon and Chinguacousy and the villages of Brampton and Streetsville all in the said County of Peel, being a Majority of the Municipal Corporation of the said County of Peel, have petitioned the Council of the said Corporation of the said United Counties to introduce a ByLaw as provided by the said Act

Therefore the Corporation of the said United Counties of York and Peel by the Council thereof enacts as follows

1 A Vote of the Electors of the County of Peel shall be taken on Tuesday the Twenty First day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five, at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, for or against the Separation of the County of Peel from the County of York and for the place to be the County Town of the County of Peel if separated, upon the following schedule

Separation		County Town	
Yes	No		

2 The Vote shall be taken in the several Township Wards and incorporated villages in the said County of Peel at the respective places and by the respective Returning Officers following

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The results of the vote on By-law Number 143, showed a majority of Peel ratepayers in favour of separation. The choice of Brampton was almost unanimous.

Copy taken from United Counties' Minute Book of the 18th April, 1865

ABSTRACT OF POLL LISTS SHOWING THE NUMBER POLLED
IN EACH TOWNSHIP

Townships	For By-law or Separation	Against or Union
Albion	12	748
Caledon	520	112
Chinguacousy	999	100
Toronto Twp.	263	494
Toronto Gore	15	160
Brampton Village	373	.....
Streetsville	34	35
—	—	—
Total	2216	1649
Majority	567	

FOR COUNTY TOWN OF PEEL

	No. of Votes		No. of Votes
Brampton	2311	Noble's Corners	1
Malton	494	Mono Mills	3
Port Credit	326	At Home	1
Streetsville	88	Springfield	3
Tullamore	54	Summerville	2
Alton	3	Claireville	6
City of Toronto	15	Derry West	7
McVittie	1	Churchville	1
Sandhill	29	Cooksville	8
Bolton	4	Ebleton	1
Mount Charles	6	Frazer's Corners	1
Lockton	1	Palestine	1
Kilmarnock	4	N. York	1
Buckton	4	Billey Town	1
Burrell'sHollow	1	Coleraine	7

The success of the vote on separation allowed the Provisional Council members to begin their organization of an independent County. The first three By-laws passed in April, 1865 provided the foundation for this. Formal separation could not take place, however, until the County buildings (a Court House and Jail) were constructed.

B Y - L A W S

BY-LAW NO. ½

To adopt a Seal for the Provisional Council of the County of Peel.

Whereas, it is necessary to adopt a Seal for the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of Peel.

Be it enacted by the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of Peel, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this By-law the Seal, the design of which is hereunto attached, be adopted as the Seal of this Corporation.

Passed 22nd April, 1865.

(Signed)

*JOHN BARNHART,
Provisional Warden.*

*WM. LINDSEY,
Provisional Clerk.*

BY-LAW NO. 1

A By-law to appoint a Clerk and Treasurer, for the Provisional Council of the County of Peel.

The Provisional Corporation of the County of Peel, by the Council thereof enacts:

1st. That William Lindsey, of the Village of Brampton, be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Provisional Council of the County of Peel.

2d. That George Graham, Esq., of the Township of Chinguacousy, be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of the Provisional Council of the County of Peel.

Passed 22d April, 1865.

(Signed)

*JOHN BARNHART,
Provisional Warden.*

*WM. LINDSEY,
Provisional Clerk.*

BY-LAW NO. 2

To confirm the appointment of a Building Committee and to prescribe the duties of the same in reference to the erection of County Buildings.

Whereas, It is expedient to take immediate action towards the erection of County Buildings for the County of Peel;

And whereas, certain plans for that purpose have been approved, and conditionally adopted by resolution of this Council.

And whereas, a certain block of land containing two acres of the west end of Lot No. 5, of the first Concession east of Hurontario street, formerly in the Township of Chinguacousy, (now in the Village of Brampton), has been granted to, and is now accepted by this Council.

And whereas, It is desirable that the Building Committee appointed by this Council should act towards the erection of the County Buildings, and do and perform all those duties in relation thereto, which may be necessary for carrying out the intention of the Council in regard thereto.

1. Be it enacted by the Provisional Corporation of the County of Peel, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this By-law, Messrs. Parker, Graham, Henderson, Stork, Price, Mills and Hartley, be a Building Committee of this Council in the erection of the proposed County Buildings on the site accepted.

2. That it shall and may be lawful for the said Building Committee, or a majority of them, to enter into contracts with such persons as they may approve of, for the erection of said County buildings, and for the construction and execution of such work in connection therewith, as is necessary for County purposes, subject nevertheless, to the approval of the Council.

3. That the Provisional Treasurer be, and he is authorized and required, from time to time, to pay, on the order of the said Building Committee or a majority of them, (and countersigned by the Warden), such sum or sums of money, for work done and certified by the architect appointed, at such periods and in such proportions as shall be agreed upon by the Contractor and the said Building Committee.

4. That it shall be the duty of the said Building Committee to report to this Council, from time to time, detailed statements of their transactions, showing the amount of their expenditure, and liabilities, and all other necessary information for the guidance of this Council.

Passed July 13th, 1865.
(Signed)

JOHN BARNHART,
Provisional Warden.

WILLIAM LINDSEY,
Provisional Clerk.

The first County Council meeting was held on January 22, 1867, in the new Court House at the corners of Wellington Street East and Main Street South in Brampton.

M I N U T E S

TUESDAY, 22nd January, 1867. (First Day)

The Council met at noon.

The Clerk took the chair, and called the members to order, when the following named Reeves and Deputy-Reeves answered to their names, as representing the following Municipalities, (having first filed the required certificates,) viz: -

	Reeves.	Deputy Reeves.
<i>For the Township of Toronto</i>	<i>Col. Price</i>	<i>William Elliott</i>
<i>For the Township of Chinguacousy</i>	<i>Robert Smith</i>	<i>Richard Hamilton</i>
		<i>J. P. Hutton</i>
<i>For the Township of Caledon</i>	<i>Thomas Russel</i>	<i>Richard Allen</i>
<i>For the Township of Albion</i>	<i>Thomas Swinarton .</i>	<i>J. F. Warbrick</i>
<i>For the Township of Toronto Gore</i>	<i>Thomas Graham</i>	
<i>For the Incorporated Village of Brampton</i>	<i>K. Chisholm</i>	
<i>For the Incorporated Village of Streetsville</i>	<i>Dr. John Barnhart</i>	

It was then moved by Mr. Graham, and seconded by Mr. Chisholm, That Dr. Barnhart, Reeve of the Incorporated Village of Streetsville, be Warden for the County of Peel for the current year.

Mr. Swinarton, seconded by Mr. Warbrick, moved that Col. Price, Reeve of the Township of Toronto, be Warden for the present year.

On the question being put, that Dr. Barnhart be the Warden. Carried.

Yea. - Messrs. Allen, Chisholm, Elliott, Graham, Hamilton, Hutton and Russel - 7.

Nays. - Messrs. Swinarton, Smith and Warbrick - 3.

The Warden (Dr. Barnhart) then addressed the Council, and made and subscribed the declaration of office (before Col. Price, J.P.)

Col. Price, seconded by Mr. Swinarton, moved that a Committee, to be composed of five Township Reeves, be chosen to nominate the Standing Committees for the current year, admitting three members on each of the Standing Committees.

In amendment, Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moved, that a Committee of five members be forthwith chosen by ballot, to nominate the Standing Committees for the current year. The amendment carried.

The Council proceeded to ballot for the said Committee, and the Warden declared the names composing the Committee as follows, viz.: - Messrs. Swinarton, Price, Russel, Chisholm and Graham.

Notice:

Col. Price gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to introduce a Bill for the appointment of County Auditors for the current year.

Mr. Graham gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, ask leave to bring in a Bill to appoint a Sub-Treasurer of School Monies for the Gore of Toronto.

Col. Price gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, ask leave to introduce a Bill to fix the Salaries of certain County Officers.

Mr. Graham gives notice that he will, on Thursday next, ask leave to introduce a Bill for the Preservation of Public Morals in this County.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Swinarton, the Warden left the chair for one hour.

The Council resumed.

Col. Price, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed by ballot to nominate the Standing Committees, presented their report, which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole thereon - Mr. Smith in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported the report without amendment. Report received and adopted. (See Appendix)

The Warden read and laid on the table a communication from Dr. Curry, requesting the Council to appoint him to the office of Physician to the Jail.

Also, from Adua Hemphill, asking the Council to appoint him Crier of the Court.

Col. Price presented the petition of Dr. Grant and others, praying for his appointment to the office of Physician to the County Jail.

Also, a communication from the Treasurer, with certain financial statements, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive, together with accounts and vouchers, for the year ending 31st December, 1866.

Notices:

Mr. Smith gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move for the appointment of a Select Committee to revise the Standing Rules of this Council.

Mr. Graham gives notice that he will on to-morrow, move this Council into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best mode to be adopted for settling any claims that may exist between this County and the County of York.

On motion of Col. Price, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council then adjourned.

A P P E N D I X

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FIRST MEETING 1867.

TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF PEEL:

The Select Committee appointed by ballot to nominate the Standing Committees, respectfully report the following named Members of the Council to compose the Standing Committees for the current year : -

Finance and Assessment:

Messrs. SMITH.
PRICE.
RUSSEL.

Education:

Messrs. RUSSEL.
SMITH.
COTTON.

Equalization:

Messrs. GRAHAM.
WARBRICK.
CHISHOLM.
COTTON.
HAMILTON.

County Property and Roads and Bridge

Messrs. SWINARTON.
ALLEN.
CHISHOLM.

Printing and Contingencies:

Messrs. HAMILTON.
HUTTON.
ELLIOTT.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

SAMUEL PRICE,
Chairman

Committee Room, January 22, 1867.

(Adopted)